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Dear Editor,

The unique form of this book was necessitated by the publishing history set forth in the Preface. This is not an effort to avoid normal publication, but a last alternative that I hope will attract it.

This book is restricted entirely to the official information of the Commission, to which, as you can see, it is footnoted so that the integrity of my work can be speedily checked against the source.

I hope you will note that the book focuses not upon the Commission and its chairmen but on the Report and the staff.

As of the time of this writing, which is in advance of receipt of the book from the printers, we have not made arrangements for distribution and will welcome any help we can get. We are without funds and have gotten this book out on credit. I do hope you will find it sufficiently interesting and important to be able to advertise it on a per-order basis, like radio's p.i.'s, or to sell it, making the bookstore's profit. We should be able to fill orders the day of receipt, but payment must accompany individual orders. We, of course, will make the regular offers to those who sell the book, and will send copies to dealers on consignment on receipt of postage.

Unfortunately, it is not possible for this edition to be profitable, despite its relatively high price. But if it directs attention toward what I believe is worthy of attention, perhaps this in itself will make the venture worthwhile.

Possibly it will interest you to know that the research behind this book runs to about a third of a million words of notes.

If you have any questions I will, of course, undertake to answer them. I hope you will find the book interesting, important and worthy of your attention. We thank you for any help you may offer.

Sincerely yours,

Harold Weisberg